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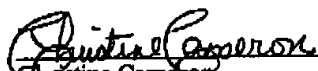
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In re:

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Serial No.: 10/027,343                      Examiner: Kenneth G. Schopfer  
Filing Date: December 19, 2001                      Group Art Unit: 3739  
Entitled: RECONFIGURABLE SURGICAL APPARATUS

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to a non-final Office Action mailed on March 24, 2003. As this communication is being submitted within the shortened statutory period for reply of three months, it is believed to be timely and no fee is required. Please enter the following amendments to the claims and title without prejudice and consider the following remarks, which support allowance of those claims.

**Amendment to the Title begins on page 2 of this paper**  
**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**  
**Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.**  
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- 1) Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (1 page)
- 3) Amendment/Listing of Claims (10 pages)
- 4) Remarks (1 Pages)
- 5) Rejection of Claims (4 pages)

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